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SUBJECT: STRIKE AT CABORA BASSA

1. FBIS OF MAY 22 CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM: QTE BEIRA, MOZAMBIQUE, 21 MAY (AFP)--SOUTH AFRICAN WORK MANAGERS ON THE CABORA BASSA DAM CONSTRUCTION SITE APPEAR TO BE THE MAIN TARGET OF GRIEVANCES VOICED TODAY BY OVER 2,000 STRIKING WORKERS AT THE GIANT HYDROELECTRICAL PROJECT ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER IN MOZAMBIQUE. WORKERS--MOSTLY BLACKS--STRUCK AT THE DAM SITE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK, ASKING FOR HIGHER WAGES, BETTER WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS AND FOR THE DISMISSAL OF WORK MANAGERS.

2. ONE OF THE SIX SOUTH AFRICAN MANAGERS WHOSE IMMEDIATE
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DISMISSAL WAS REQUESTED BY THE STRIKERS CHARTERED AN

AIRCRAFT TODAY AND FLEW HIS WIFE TO SALISBURY, RHODESIA. HE SAID THAT THE BLACK WORKERS WERE ASKING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS FROM THE DAM SITE, BECAUSE OF THEIR COUNTRY'S RACIAL POLICIES. A NOTICE HAD BEEN PINNED TO HIS DOOR ON SUNDAY, HE SAID, SIGNED BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "THE UNITED GROUP OF OPPRESSED AFRICANS. THE NOTICE COMPLAINED GENERALLY ABOUT WORKING CONDITIONS, SALARY DISCREPANCIES AND ASKED FOR THE "SACKING OF ALL SOUTH AFRICANS."

3. FOR FOUR YEARS FRELIMO GUERRILLAS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO STOP WORK AT CABORA BASSA, WITHOUT SUCCESS, MANAGERS OF

OF THE PROJECT SAID HERE TONIGHT. THEY ADDED THAT IT TOOK 24 HOURS FOR THE PRESENT LABOUR UNREST WAVE IN MOZAMBIQUE TO BRING CONSTRUCTION TO A HALT. UNQUOTE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' COMMENTS ON EVENTS AT CABORA BASSA. RUSH

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